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Ramiro Arrez et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached forms, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Copies of these documents are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. Also, the citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in

existence. Citation of any document herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicants also respectfully reserve the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the present patent application.

ON SALE/PUBLIC USE

Applicant also wants to bring to the attention of the Examiner the facts of certain devices being on-sale and/or in public use more than one year to certain priority dates of the present application.

Specifically, the lifter substantially as illustrated in Figures 3-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,503,045 was on-sale and/or in public use more than one year prior to the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/271,860 filed on February 27, 2001, to which the present application claims a benefit. In other words, the lifter substantially as illustrated in Figures

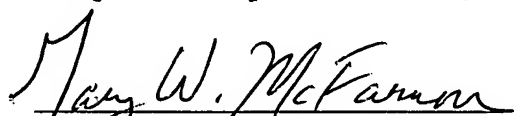
3-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,503,045 was on-sale and/or in public use prior to February 27, 2000.

In addition, the Perkins Model D6080 lifter, as shown and described in the brochure "The Original Rotary Tuckaway," was on sale and/or in public use more than one year prior to the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/170,204 filed on December 10, 1999, to which the present application also claims a benefit. In other words, the Perkins Model D6080 lifter, as shown and described in the brochure "The Original Rotary Tuckaway," was on sale and/or in public use prior to December 10, 1998.

It is believed that no additional fee is required for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should an additional fee be required, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-1039.

Respectfully submitted,

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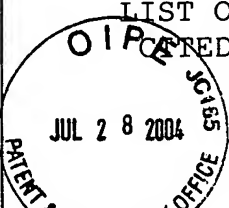
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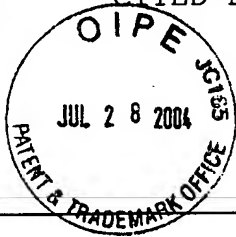
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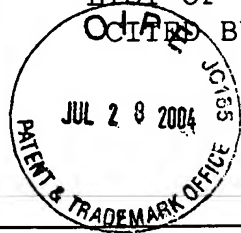
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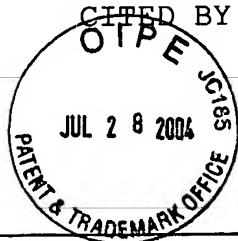
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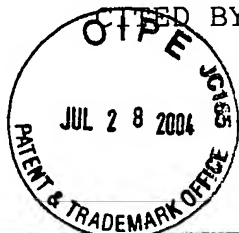
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